IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness <u>prior</u> to pressing of said <u>pre-impregnated material</u>.

- 2. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 3. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 4 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.

- 7. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 4 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 8. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness exceeding 300 microns substrate and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 10. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 11. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 12. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 12 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 15. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.

16. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is at least 70% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 17. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 18. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 17 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 19. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 19 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 22. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 19 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 23. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness less than 50 microns and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 25. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 26. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 25 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 27. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 27 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 30. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 27 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 31. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:
 a textile substrate; and
 particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is less than 10% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 33. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein the weight of said resin is less than 5% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.
- 34. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 35. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 36. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 37. (Cancelled)
- 38. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 39. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a size spectrum which extends over at least two orders of magnitude and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

- 40. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 41. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 40 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 42. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 43. (Cancelled)
- 44. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 42 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 45. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 42 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 46. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 47. (Currently Amended) A pre-impregnated material comprising:

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a density spectrum which extends over at least one order of magnitude and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

48. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.

- 49. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 50. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 51. (Cancelled)
- 52. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 51 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 53. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 50 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 54. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 55. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 56. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 57. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 58. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.

- 59. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 60. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 61. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 62. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 63. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 64. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 65. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 66. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 67. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 68. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 69. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.

70. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is fully melted.

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- 71. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 72. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 73. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 74. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 75. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 76. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 77. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 78. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 79. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.

- 80. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 81. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 82. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 83. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 84. (Original) A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 85. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness <u>prior</u> to <u>pressing of said pre-impregnated material</u>.

86. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness exceeding 300 microns and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

87. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is at least 70% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

88. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness less than 50 microns and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

89. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is less than 10% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

90. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a size spectrum which extends over at least two orders of magnitude and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.

91. (Currently Amended) A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

particle resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a density spectrum which extends over at least one order of magnitude and said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness prior to pressing of said pre-impregnated material.